

PRESIDENTS REFUSAL TO BE STAMPEDED INTO WAR UPHELD

Washington Post's Editorial on
"Fodder For Machine Gun."
Strikes Keynote.

WILSON ALONE KNOWS FACTS

People Want Peace So Long As
Consistent With Nation's Honor.

The following editorial in the Washington Post of June 30, on "Fodder for Machine Guns," has struck a responsive chord throughout the nation:

If the honor of the United States can be maintained by peaceful methods, who shall say that the Nation should go to war?

Those who want war must be willing themselves to sacrifice their lives upon the altar of national devotion.

None but a poltroon and coward would fail to make the sacrifice if the honor of the country were at stake, but only those who are in full possession of all the facts in the Mexican situation can decide what the national interest demands.

What man in public life, what official or orator in the market places can say that he is more jealous of the national honor than are the people themselves? The honor of the nation is safe in the hands of the American people.

And what are the people saying? What are they thinking as they walk through the streets? What are they saying about their own supper table after they have returned from their daily work? In one of his speeches President Wilson said:

I would a great deal rather know what the men on the trains and by the wayside and in the shops and on the farms are thinking about and yearning for than hear any of the vociferous proclamations of policy, which it is so easy to read by picking up any scraps of printed paper.

Those who are expected to sacrifice their lives upon the battlefield, the fathers and mothers who yield their sons and who yield them willingly when the honor of the Nation is at stake, should have something to say about the question of war.

Two Millions in Graves.

Two millions of the men in Europe lie in their graves as a result of the mad war that is still in progress, and yet the honor of the nations involved has not yet been satisfied.

At Verdun 300,000 of the finest men of France, Germany and England lie dead. The toll demanded by European statesmanship steadily is mounting, and the end is not yet in sight.

Of the 2,500,000 men who were in the Civil War, on the Northern side, more than 1,000,000 were below the age of 21 years, and the fathers and mothers, sisters and sweethearts were left behind to agonize and mourn.

It is not the corporations, the landowners, or the captains of industry who have the vital interest in the question of war or peace. It is not the politicians or orators, the organizations of public preparationists or public pacifists that have the most at stake. It is the average citizen—the citizen who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow, the citizen who loves his family and wants to continue giving that family his support and protection who has the most at stake.

Those orators who cry out for a given course of action in the name of the national honor without having before them all the facts that affect the national interest in a crisis merely demonstrate their lack of responsibility and their callous selfishness.

It speaks well for the wisdom of the American people that they have never elected a President who has been stamped into

war by false advisers or critics. Will Fight If Need Be.

Great has been the horror of the European war, strong as is the desire to preserve the strength of the United States for the more civilized purposes of humanity, the American people as a unit will be ready to fight and to die if it should be necessary to preserve the national honor.

On the one side in the Nation today, as in all crises of the past, there are those who, without knowing all the facts on which the great decision must be made, argue for immediate action against Mexico, regardless of the consequences. On the other side are those who are praying that peaceful means of protecting the Nation's honor shall be completely exhausted before there is recourse to arms and to the sacrifice of the blood of American soldiers.

President Wilson, with all the facts before him, was able to win a diplomatic victory in the submarine controversy, satisfying this Nation's honor without the frightful toll of war.

The president of the United States alone knows the facts in the Mexican situation. He alone can make the decision that will conserve the national interests. While orators are making their arguments in public places the people by wire and letter are telling the President that they, who must make the sacrifices and who will not ask that some other mother's son make it for them, want peace so long as it is compatible with the Nation's honor.

The August Woman's Home Companion.

In the August Woman's Home Companion, primarily fiction number, is the first installment of a story called "Billy Foster and the Snow Queen" by Katherine Holland Brown. It gives an unusually interesting description of Mexico City under the de facto regime and forms a striking study of the abilities and the policies of the revolutionists.

For a short story called "The Pickup," by Sophie Kerr, illustrations have been made by R. M. Crosby, F. Graham Coates, James Montgomery Flagg and Clarence F. Underwood. None of these artists knew that any of the others was to illustrate this story and the four conceptions are printed together. Among the other stories and serials are "The Rising Tide" by Margaret Deland, "On the Road to Youth" by Frederick M. Smith and "The Blue Envelope" by Sophie Kerr.

Among the special articles are "All Kinds of Boys and the Club Spirit" by Charles Stelzle, and "Ninety-Nine Girls Out of a Hundred," by Katherine Ferguson. The Regular Departments include "The Tower Room," by Anne Bryan McCall, "Embroidery" designed by Evelyn Parsons, "Better Babies," "The Exchange," "Better Films," conducted by Helen Duey, and "The Pin-Money Club." The department on cooking is conducted by Cora Farmer Perkins. The section for younger readers includes the "The Cherubs" by Olive Rush, "Hay Days" by Emily Rose Burt, "A Little Boy's Neighbors" by Charles Eugene Smith and "The Homemade Fair" by Mary Sherburne Warren.

In the picture section is reproduced "The Spirit of Preparedness" by Edwin H. Blashfield, painted and presented by him to the National Security League at the request of Joseph H. Choate and S. Stanwood Menken.

Fashions are discussed by Grace Margaret Gould.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

MAKE WAR ON THE WEEDS

Lesson for All of Us in Remark Made
by Watchful Gardener Who Was
Conscientious.

Not far from home, writes a friend of the Companion, there is a little cottage with a garden plot behind it. Nearly everyone who passes it notices its trim and well-kept appearance. The neatly cut lawn, the flower-bordered walks, the small but inviting vine-sheltered porch, all speak of the modest prosperity of its owner and of the interest he takes in making his home and its surroundings attractive.

I hailed him one day as he was weeding a corner of his garden with his usual thoroughness.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Sloane! Why are you taking so much pains with that part of your garden? Your lettuce and peas have all been gathered, and the weeds can do no harm now."

"I know," he replied. "Perhaps I'm foolish; but I can't bear to surrender any part of my garden to the weeds."

There was a sermon in that remark that I could not forget—a personal, practical sermon that every one of us can apply in a thousand ways. "Weeds" can properly stand for anything that limits our efficiency, diminishes our energy or enthusiasm, defeats or hinders the highest purposes for which we are striving or ought to strive. They may be bad habits or a temper and a disposition needing to be conquered or trained, or a careless way of doing things, or positive laziness—what you will. You have your weeds to contend with and I have mine. Each of us can make a pretty accurate catalogue of them if we are honest. And they are an ugly lot when we face them squarely. Everyone of them saps our character, just as the weed robs the garden soil of its strength.

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LUCKY DOG



The Little One—What are you laughing about?

The Big One—I bark in my sleep and the family thinks I am a grand watchdog.

LEFT WITHOUT SUPPORT.

"How's your wife, Sam?"

"She's poorly, boss. Had de misery in her back fo' mos' a week."

"That's too bad. Is she taking any treatment for it?"

"Yes, sah. She done take de ab-sent treatment, sah."

"How is that?"

"She done lef' me, sah, an' say she ain't gwine ter wrestle wid a washboard no more."

THEIR KIND.

"I understand this locality is considered a very aristocratic one."

"It certainly is. Even the hills out here have crests."

GOOD ADVICE.

"How are we going to get my husband's picture up on the wall?"

"Oh, give him rope enough and I guess he'll hang himself."

MEAN HIT.

Gladye—Jack proposed to me so beautifully.

Gwendolen—But, my dear, look at all the practice he's had.

VERY MUCH SO.

"Has your son adopted any calling?"

"Sure. He's the megaphone announcer at a theater."

TYPHOID FEVER

SEASON IS NEAR

M. U. Authority Urges Vaccination As a Precaution.

The season for typhoid fever is approaching. With the multiplication of flies this danger increases, and by the end of summer and the beginning of autumn the typhoid fever season is upon us.

According to Dr. M. P. Ravenel of the department of preventive medicine at the University of Missouri, care should be taken in selecting a place for a vacation. Due precautions in looking into the sanitary surroundings, especially the purity of the water supply and the proper disposal of sewage, should be exercised.

Typhoid fever can be practically eliminated by the use of anti-typhoid vaccine. This is given in three injections at intervals of ten days, so that the entire process is completed on the twentieth day. The injections are not painful, and seldom give rise to any marked reaction. The protection is almost absolute. It lasts for two and one-half to three years.

In the United States army, including the Philippine Scouts, the troops in Porto Rico, China, Alaska and other parts of the world, a total of 90,750 men, there were only four cases of typhoid fever and no deaths during an entire year. Such a thing as 90,000 men exposed in all sorts of ways and places in the world, passing an entire year without a single death from typhoid fever and only four cases, has never been heard of in the world before. Even this does not tell the entire story. Of these four cases, three were in recruits who had not been vaccinated. Only one vaccinated man out of 90,000 contracted typhoid fever, and his vaccination had been done two years previously.

Anti-typhoid vaccination is, therefore, advised as a preparation for the summer vacation. People over 45 years of age do not require it, but persons under this age should take it. The laboratory of the department of preventive medicine of the University of Missouri furnishes the vaccine free of charge to all practicing in the state on application.

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